

At 6:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3132. An act to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3408. An act to reauthorize the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 and to amend the swine reporting provisions of that Act.

H.R. 3736. An act to protect volunteers assisting the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society.

H. Con. Res. 240. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3132. An act to make improvements to the national sex offender registration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 208. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to give up her seat on the bus and the subsequent desegregation of American society; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 240. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and encouraging all Americans to observe that day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Finance, amended, and ordered placed on the calendar:

S. 1696. A bill to provide tax relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, to provide incentives for charitable giving, and for other purposes.

### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1715. A bill to provide relief for students and institutions affected by Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

S. 1716. A bill to provide emergency health care relief for survivors of Hurricane Katrina, and for other purposes.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3751. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled "Social Security Amendments of 2005" received August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3752. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Competitiveness Report"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3753. A communication from the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Utilization and Beneficiary Access to Services Post-Implementation of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3754. A communication from the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting, the Administration's draft proposals that would protect and strengthen the financing of the Medicaid program, as described in the President's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3755. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Conditions for Payment of Power Mobility Devices, Including Power Wheelchairs and Power-Operated Vehicles" (RIN0938-AM74) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3756. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicaid Program; State Allotments for Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums for Qualifying Individuals: Federal Fiscal Year 2005" (RIN0938-AO04) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3757. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Differential Earnings Rate for 2004 under Section 809" (Rev. Rul. 2005-58) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3758. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 411(d)(6) Protected Benefits" (RIN1545-BC26)(TD 9219) received on August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3759. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—July 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-63) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3760. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Stranded Cost No Rule" (Rev. Proc. 2005-61) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3761. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of

Revenue Procedure 2002-49" (Rev. Proc. 2005-62) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3762. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Staggered Remedial Amendment Period Revenue Procedure" (Rev. Proc. 2005-66) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3763. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interaction of section 420 and the Code and section 101 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003" (Rev. Rul. 2005-60) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3764. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Collected Excise Taxes; Duties of Collector" (RIN1545-BB75)(TD 9221) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3765. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance under Section 951 for Determining Pro Rata Share" (RIN1545-BD49)(TD 9222) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3766. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Value of Life Insurance Contracts when Distributed from a Qualified Retirement Plan" (RIN1545-BC20)(TD 9223) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3767. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2005-31 relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military assistance with respect to Cambodia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3768. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of Presidential Determination 2005-26 relative to waiving prohibition on United States Military assistance with respect to the Dominican Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3769. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)—Plain Language, Program Accountability, and Program Flexibility" (RIN0584-AC84) received August 22, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3770. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to providing financial assistance to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3771. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, the report of draft bills relative to changes to the Commodity Credit Corporation funded Farm Bill programs, crop insurance and Food Stamp programs and requests authority to charge fees for several activities; to the